



without references

Sheet

1 of

14

Form PTO-1449

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION  
IN AN APPLICATION**

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Docket Number (Optional)  
2938(203-3646)Application Number  
10/718,379

Applicant

Shields et al.

Filing Date

November 20, 2003

Group Art Number

3839

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	RE36795	7/25/00	RYDELL			
	371,664	10/18/1887	BRANNAN ET AL.			
	702,472	6/17/1902	PIGNOLET			
	728,883	5/26/1903	DOWNES			
	1,586,645	6/1/26	BIERMAN			
	2,002,594	5/28/35	WAPPLER ET AL.			
	2,011,169	8/13/35	F.C. WAPPLER			
	2,176,479	10/17/39	WILLIS			
	2,305,156	4/17/41	GRUBEL			
	2,632,661	8/14/48	CRISTOFV			
	2,668,538	2/9/54	BAKER			
	2,796,065	6/18/57	KAPP			
	3,459,187	3/9/67	PALLOTTA			
	3,643,663	2/22/72	SUTTER			
	3,651,811	3/28/72	HILDEBRANDT ET AL.			
	3,862,630	1/28/75	BALAMUTH			
	3,866,610	2/18/75	KLETSCHKA			
	3,911,766	10/14/75	FRIDOLPH ET AL.			
	3,920,021	11/18/75	HILTEBRANDT			
	3,921,641	11/25/75	HULKA			
	3,938,527	2/17/76	RIOUX ET AL.			
	3,952,749	4/27/76	FRIDOLPH ET AL.			
	4,005,714	2/1/77	HILTEBRANDT			
	4,074,718	2/21/78	MORRISON, JR.			
A.R.	4,088,134	5/9/78	MAZZARIELLO			

Examiner

Date Considered

6/4/08

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1449 <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	<b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> 2938(203-3646)	<b>Application Number</b> 10/718,379
	<b>Applicant</b> Shields et al.	
	<b>Filing Date</b> November 20, 2003	<b>Group Art Number</b> 3739

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	4,165,746	8/28/79	BURGIN			
	4,300,564	11/17/81	FURIHATA			
	4,370,980	2/1/83	LOTTICK			
	4,492,231	1/8/85	AUTH			
	4,552,143	11/12/85	LOTTICK			
	4,574,804	3/11/86	KURWA			
	4,597,379	7/1/86	KIHН ET AL.			
	4,657,016	4/14/87	GARITO ET AL.			
	4,671,274	6/9/87	SOROCHEŃKO			
	4,685,459	8/11/87	XOCH ET AL.			
	4,783,669	8/16/88	JAEGER			
	4,827,929	5/9/89	HODGE			
	4,887,612	12/19/89	ESSER ET AL.			
	4,938,761	7/3/90	ENSSLIN			
	5,007,908	4/16/91	RYDELL			
	5,026,370	6/25/91	LOTTICK			
	5,099,840	3/31/92	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,116,332	5/26/92	LOTTICK			
	5,151,102	9/29/92	XAMIYAMA ET AL.			
	5,176,695	1/5/93	DULEBOHN			
	5,197,964	3/30/93	PARINS			
	5,215,101	6/1/93	JACOBS ET AL.			
	5,217,457	6/8/93	DELAHUERGA ET AL.			
	5,217,458	6/8/93	PARINS			
	5,244,462	9/14/93	DELAHUERGA ET AL.			
A.R.	5,250,047	10/5/93	RYDELL			

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	5,258,006	11/2/93	RYDELL ET AL.			
	5,261,918	11/16/93	PHILLIPS ET AL.			
	5,275,615	1/4/94	ROSE			
	5,277,201	1/11/94	STERN			
	5,282,799	2/1/94	RYDELL			
	5,290,286	3/1/94	PARINS			
	5,304,203	4/19/94	EL-MALLAWANY ET AL.			
	5,308,357	5/3/94	LICHTMAN			
	5,318,589	6/7/94	LICHTMAN			
	5,324,289	6/28/94	EGGERS			
	5,330,471	7/19/94	EGGERS			
	5,334,183	8/2/94	WUCHINICH			
	5,334,215	8/2/94	CHEN			
	5,336,221	8/9/94	ANDERSON			
	5,342,359	8/30/94	RYDELL			
	5,342,381	8/30/94	TIDEMAND			
	5,342,393	8/30/94	STACK			
	5,352,222	10/4/94	RYDELL			
	5,354,271	10/11/94	VODA			
	5,356,408	10/18/94	RYDELL			
	5,366,477	11/22/94	LEMARIE, III ET AL.			
	5,383,897	1/24/95	WHOLEY			
	5,389,098	2/14/95	TSURUTA ET AL.			
	5,389,104	2/14/95	HAHNEN ET AL.			
A.R.	5,391,166	2/21/95	EGGERS			

Examiner

*Aaron Boone*

Date Considered

*1/4/08*

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

without references

Sheet

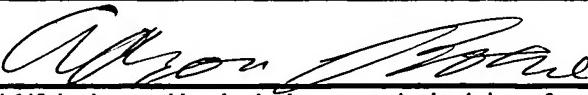
4 of

14

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 31739

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	5,391,183	2/21/95	JANZEN ET AL.			
	5,403,312	4/4/95	YATES ET AL.			
	5,411,519	5/2/95	TOVEY ET AL.			
	5,411,520	5/2/95	NASH ET AL.			
	5,413,571	5/9/95	KATSAROS ET AL.			
	5,415,657	5/16/95	TAYMOR-LURIA			
	5,423,810	6/13/95	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,425,739	6/20/95	JESSEN			
	5,429,616	7/4/95	SCHAFFER			
	5,431,674	7/11/95	BASILE ET AL.			
	5,437,292	7/4/95	SCHAFFER			
	5,438,302	8/1/95	GOBLE			
	5,441,517	8/15/95	KENSEY ET AL.			
	5,443,463	8/22/95	STERN ET AL.			
	5,443,464	8/22/95	RUSSELL ET AL.			
	5,443,480	8/22/95	JACOBS ET AL			
	5,445,638	8/29/95	RYDELL ET AL.			
	5,445,658	8/29/95	DURRFELD ET AL.			
	5,451,224	9/19/95	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,456,684	10/10/95	SCHMIDT ET AL.			
	5,458,598	10/17/95	FEINBERG ET AL.			
	5,460,629	10/24/95	SHLAIN ET AL.			
	5,462,546	10/31/95	RYDELL			
	5,472,443	12/5/95	CORDIS ET AL.			
A.R.	5,478,351	12/26/95	MEADE ET AL.			

Examiner 	Date Considered 6/4/08
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.	

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379			
		Applicant  Shields et al.				
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number <i>3739</i>			
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
<i>A.R.</i>	5,484,436	1/6/96	EGGERS ET AL.			
	5,496,317	3/5/96	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,499,997	3/19/96	SHARPE ET AL.			
	5,509,922	4/23/96	ARANYI ET AL.			
	5,514,134	5/7/96	RYDELL ET AL.			
	5,527,313	6/18/96	SCOTT ET AL.			
	5,531,744	7/2/96	NARDELLA ET AL.			
	5,540,684	7/30/96	HASSLER, JR.			
	5,540,685	7/30/96	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,540,715	7/30/96	KATSAROS ET AL.			
	5,558,672	9/24/96	EDWARDS ET AL.			
	5,569,241	10/29/96	EDWARDDS			
	5,571,100	11/5/96	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,569,243	10/29/96	KORTENBACH ET AL.			
	5,573,535	11/12/96	VIKLUND			
	5,585,896	12/17/96	YAMAZAKI ET AL.			
	5,590,570	1/7/97	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	5,603,711	2/18/97	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,603,723	2/18/97	ARANYI ET AL.			
	5,626,578	5/6/97	TIHON			
	5,630,833	5/20/97	KATSAROS ET AL.			
	5,637,110	6/10/97	PENNYBACKER ET AL.			
	5,643,294	7/1/97	TOVEY ET AL.			
	5,647,869	7/15/97	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,647,871	7/15/97	LEVINE ET AL.			
<i>A.R.</i>	5,649,959	7/22/97	HANNAM ET AL.			
Examiner	<i>Aaron Boone</i>			Date Considered	<i>6/4/08</i>	
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.						

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	5,658,281	8/19/97	HEARD			
	5,687,528	9/16/97	LEVIN			
	5,674,220	10/7/97	FOX ET AL.			
	5,693,051	12/2/97	SCHULZE ET AL.			
	5,695,522	12/9/97	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	5,700,261	12/23/97	BRINKERHOFF			
	5,702,390	12/30/97	AUSTIN ET AL.			
	5,707,369	1/13/98	VAITEKUNAS ET AL.			
	5,709,680	1/20/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,727,428	3/17/98	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	5,743,906	4/28/98	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,755,717	5/26/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,766,166	6/16/98	HOOVEN			
	5,766,170	6/16/98	EGGERS			
	5,769,849	6/23/98	EGGERS			
	5,776,128	7/7/98	EGGERS			
	5,776,130	7/7/98	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	5,779,701	07/14/98	MCBRAYER ET AL.			
	5,792,137	8/11/98	CARR ET AL.			
	5,792,177	8/11/98	KASEDA			
	5,797,958	08/25/98	YOON			
	5,800,449	9/1/98	WALES			
	5,810,808	9/22/98	EGGERS			
	5,810,811	09/22/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,814,043	9/29/98	SHAPETON			
	5,827,271	10/27/98	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	5,827,279	10/27/98	HUGHETT ET AL.			
A.R.	5,827,281	10/27/98	LEVIN			

Examiner

*Aaron Roane*

Date Considered

6/4/08

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
Applicant Shields et al.			
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	5,833,690	11/10/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,843,080	12/1/98	FLEENOR ET AL.			
	5,849,022	12/15/98	SAKASHITA ET AL.			
	5,853,412	12/29/98	MAYENBERGER			
	5,891,141	4/6/99	RYDELL			
	5,891,142	4/6/99	EGGERS ET AL.			
	5,893,863	04/13/99	YOON			
	5,893,875	4/13/99	O'CONNOR ET AL.			
	5,902,301	5/11/99	OLIG			
	5,908,420	7/1/99	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,913,874	6/22/99	BERNS ET AL.			
	5,921,984	7/13/99	SUTCU ET AL.			
	5,935,126	8/10/99	RIZA			
	5,951,549	9/14/99	RICHARDSON ET AL.			
	5,954,720	9/21/99	WILSON ET AL.			
	5,976,132	11/2/99	MORRIS			
	5,989,277	11/23/99	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	6,004,335	12/21/99	VAITEKUNAS ET AL.			
	6,024,744	2/15/00	KESE ET AL.			
	6,033,399	3/7/00	GINES			
	6,039,733	3/21/00	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	6,050,996	4/18/00	SCHMALTZ ET AL.			
	6,053,914	4/25/00	EGGERS ET AL.			
	6,053,933	4/25/00	BALAZS ET AL.			
	6,083,223	7/4/00	BAKER			
A.R.	6,086,586	7/11/00	HOOVEN			

Examiner <i>Aaron Boone</i>	Date Considered 6/4/08
--------------------------------	---------------------------

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	6,090,107	7/18/00	BORGMEIER ET AL.			
	6,090,109	7/18/00	LANDS ET AL.			
	6,096,031	8/1/00	MITCHELL ET AL.			
	6,099,550	8/8/00	YOON			
	6,099,539	8/8/00	HOWELL ET AL.			
	6,102,909	8/15/00	CHEN ET AL.			
	6,110,171	8/29/00	RYDELL			
	6,113,596	9/5/00	HOOVEN ET AL.			
	6,113,598	9/5/00	BAKER			
	6,126,658	10/3/00	BAKER			
	6,152,923	11/28/00	RYAN			
	6,174,309	1/16/01	WRUBLEWSKI ET AL.			
	6,179,834	1/30/01	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	6,179,837	1/30/01	HOOVEN			
	6,183,467	2/6/01	SHAPETON ET AL.			
	6,187,003	2/13/01	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	6,190,386	2/20/01	RYDELL			
	6,193,718	2/27/01	KORTENBACH ET AL.			
	6,206,876	3/27/01	LEVINE ET AL.			
	6,206,877	3/27/01	KESE ET AL.			
	6,206,896	3/27/01	HOWELL ET AL.			
	6,224,593	5/1/01	RYAN ET AL.			
	6,228,080	5/8/01	GINES			
	6,228,083	5/8/01	LANDS ET AL.			
	6,267,761	7/31/01	RYAN			
	6,273,887	8/14/01	YAMAUCHI ET AL.			
	6,273,902	8/14/01	FOGARTY ET AL.			
	6,277,117	8/21/01	TETZLAFF ET AL.			
A.R.	6,334,860	1/1/02	DORN			

Examiner

Date Considered

6/14/08

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

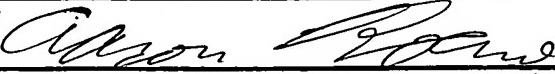
Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379			
		Applicant Shields et al.				
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	6,334,881	1/1/02	CHANDLER ET AL.			
	6,350,264	2/26/02	HOOVEN			
	6,352,538	3/5/02	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	6,387,106	5/14/02	HOWELL ET AL.			
	6,387,112	5/14/02	FOGARTY ET AL.			
	6,409,728	6/25/02	EHR ET AL.			
	6,425,698	7/30/02	BALTSCHUN ET AL.			
	6,443,970	9/3/02	SCHULZE ET AL.			
	6,451,018	9/17/02	LANDS ET AL.			
	6,458,128	10/1/02	SCHULZE			
	6,458,130	10/1/02	FRAZIER ET AL.			
	6,464,704	10/15/02	SCHMALTZ ET AL.			
	6,503,248	1/7/03	LEVINE			
	6,506,189	1/14/03	RITTMAN, III ET AL.			
	6,511,480	1/28/03	TETZLAFF ET AL.			
	6,514,251	2/4/03	NI ET AL.			
	6,544,264	4/8/03	LEVINE ET AL.			
	6,569,162	5/27/03	HE			
	6,620,161	9/16/03	SCHULZE ET AL.			
	6,683,629	12/16/03	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	Des424,694	5/9/00	TETZLAFF ET AL.			
	Des425,201	5/16/00	TETZLAFF ET AL.			
	D449,886S	10/30/01	TETZLAFF ET AL.			
	D457,958	5/28/02	DYCUS ET AL.			
	US2003/0018331 A1	01/23/03	DYCUS ET AL.			
	H2037 H	7/2/02	YATES ET AL.			
A.R.	H1904	10/3/00	YATES ET AL.			
Examiner	<i>Aaron Boone</i>			Date Considered 64/08		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.						

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)				Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379		
				Applicant Shields et al.			
				Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739		
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
							Yes
							No
A.R.		EP1082944A1	3/14/01	EP			
		EP1080694A1	3/7/01	EP			
		EP1055400A1	11/29/00	EP			
		EP1055399A1	11/29/00	EP			
		EP1053720A1	11/22/00	EP			
		EP1053719A1	11/22/00	EP			
		EP1050278A1	11/8/00	EP			
		EP1034746A3	10/18/00	EP			
		EP1025807A3	10/4/00	EP			
		EP1034748A1	9/13/00	EP			
		EP1034747A1	9/13/00	EP			
		EP0923907A1	6/23/99	EP			
		EP0887046A3	1/13/99	EP			
		EP0754437A3	3/19/97	EP			
		EP0717966A1	6/26/98	EP			
		EP0694290A3	3/13/96	EP			
		EP0650701A1	5/3/95	EP			
		EP0623316A1	11/9/94	EP			
		EP0364216A1	4/18/90	EP			
		EPO518230A1	12/16/92	EP			
		EP0 541 930 B1	5/19/93	EP			
		EP0572131	12/1/93	EP			
		EPO584787A1	3/2/94	EP			
A.R.		EPO853922A1	7/22/98	EP			
Examiner	<i>Aaron Boone</i>				Date Considered 6/14/08		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or nor citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.							

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
						Yes	No
A.R.	JP5-40112	not avail.	Japan				
	JP2001128990A2	5/15/01	Japan				
	JP2001029356A2	2/6/01	Japan				
	JP2001008944A2	1/16/01	Japan				
	JP2000350732A2	12/19/00	Japan				
	JP2000342599A2	12/12/00	Japan				
	JP11244298A2	9/14/99	Japan				
	JP09010223A2	1/14/97	Japan				
	JP08252263A2	10/1/96	Japan				
	JP08056955A2	3/5/96	Japan				
	JP07265328A2	10/17/95	Japan				
A.R.	JP06343644A2	12/20/94	Japan				
	SU401387		Russia				
A.R.	WO 92/06642	4/30/92	PCT				
	WO 95/02369	1/26/95	PCT				
	WO 97/00646	1/9/97	PCT				
	WO 97/00647	1/9/97	PCT				
	WO 97/24073	7/10/97	PCT				
	WO 97/24993	7/17/97	PCT				
	WO 98/27880	7/2/98	PCT				
	WO 99/03407	1/28/99	PCT				
	WO 99/03408	1/28/99	PCT				
	WO 99/03409	1/28/99	PCT				
	WO 99/40857	8/19/99	PCT				
	WO 99/51158	10/14/99	PCT				
	WO 00/24330	5/4/00	PCT				
	WO 00/41638	7/20/00	PCT				
	WO 00/53112	9/14/00	PCT				
	WO 01/54604	8/2/01	PCT				
	WO 02/080796 A1	10/17/02	PCT				
	DE 19608716	4/17/97	DE				
	2,214,430A	6/9/89	GB				
A.R.	2,104,423	2/25/94	CANADA				

Examiner 	Date Considered 6/4/08
---	---------------------------

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1448  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

A.R.	Sigel et al. "The Mechanism of Blood Vessel Closure by High Frequency Electrocoagulation" SURGERY GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS, OCT 1965 pp. 823-831
	Bergdahl et al. "Studies on Coagulation and the Development of an Automatic Computerized Bipolar Coagulator" J.NEUROSURG, VOL.75, JULY 1991, pp 148-151
	Kennedy et al. "High-burst-strength, feedback-controlled bipolar vessel sealing" SURGICAL ENDOSCOPY (1998) 12: 876-878
	Peterson et al. "Comparison of Healing Process Following Ligation with Sutures and Bipolar Vessel Sealing" SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL (2001)
	Linehan et al. "A Phase I Study of the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System in Hepatic Surgery" Section of HPB Surger, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis MO, Presented at AHPBA, February 2001
	Johnson et al. "Evaluation of the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System in Hemorrhoidectomy" AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (ACS) CLINICLA CONGRESS POSTER (2000)
	Sayfan et al. "Sutureless Closed Hemorrhoidectomy: A New Technique" ANNALS OF SURGERY Vol.234 No.1 July 2001 pp. 21-24
	Heniford et al. "Initial Results with an Electrothermal Bipolar Vessel Sealer" SURGICAL ENDOSCOPY (2000) 15:799-801
	Heniford et al. "Initial Research and Clinical Results with an Electrothermal Bipolar Vessel Sealer" 10/99
A.R.	McLellan et al. "Vessel Sealing for Hemostasis During Pelvic Surgery" INT'L FEDERATION OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS FIGO WORLD CONGRESS 2000, Washington, D.C.
	Levy et al. "Use of a New Energy-based Vessel Ligation Device During Vaginal Hysterectomy" INT'L FEDERATION OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS (FIGO) WORLD CONGRESS
A.R.	Crawford et al. "Use of the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System in Urologic Cancer Surger" GRAND ROUNDS IN UROLOGY 1999 Vol. 1 Issue 4 pp.10-17
A.R.	Rothenberg et al. "Use of the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System in Minimally Invasive Surgery in Children" INT'L PEDIATRIC ENDOSURGERY GROUP (IPEG) 2000
A.R.	Palazzo et al. "Randomized clinical trial of Ligasure versus open haemorrhoidectomy" BRITISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY 2002, 89, 154-157
	"Innovations in Electrosurgery" Sales/Product Literature
	LigaSure Vessel Sealing System, the Seal of Confidence in General, Gynecologic, Urologic, and Laparoscopic Surgery Sales/Product Literature
	Carbonell et al. "Comparison of the Cyrus PlasmaKinetic Sealer and the Valleylab LigaSure Device in the Hemostasis of Small, Medium, and Large-Sized Arteries" Carolina's Laparoscopic and Advanced Surgery Program, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC
	"Reducing Needlestic Injuries in the Operating Room" Sales/Product Literature
Examiner <i>Aaron Moore</i>	Date Considered 6/4/08

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or nor citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b>			
A.R.	Chung et al., "Clinical Experience of Sutureless Closed Hemorrhoidectomy with LigaSure" Diseases of the Colon & Rectum Vol. 46, No. 1 January 2003		
A.R.	Strasberg et al., "Use of a Bipolar Vessel-Sealing Device for Parenchymal Transection During Liver Surgery" Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Vol. 6, No. 4, July/August 2002 pp.569-574		
A.R.	Paul G. Horgan, "A Novel Technique for Parenchymal Division During Hepatectomy" The American Journal of Surgery, Vol. 181, No. 3, April 2001 pp. 238-237		
	W. Scott Holton, "LigaSure Vessel Sealing System: Revolutionary Hemostasis Product for General Surgery" Sales/Product Literature		
A.R.	Michael Choti, "Abdominoperineal Resection with the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System and LigaSure Atlas 20 cm Open Instrument" Innovations That Work, June 2003		
	Craig Johnson, "Use of the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System in Bloodless Hemorrhoidectomy" Innovations That Work, March 2000		
	Muller et al., "Extended Left Hemicolectomy Using the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System" Innovations That Work, September 1999		
	Herman et al., "Laparoscopic Intestinal Resection With the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System: A Case Report" Innovations That Work, February 2002		
	Carus et al., "Initial Experience With The LigaSure Vessel Sealing System in Abdominal Surgery" Innovations That Work, June 2002		
	Levy et al. "Randomized Trial of Suture Versus Electrosurgical Bipolar Vessel Sealing in Vaginal Hysterectomy" Obstetrics & Gynecology, Vol. 102, No. 1, July 2003		
	Levy et al., "Update on Hysterectomy - New Technologies and Techniques" OBG Management, February 2003		
A.R.	Barbara Levy, "Use of a New Vessel Ligation Device During Vaginal Hysterectomy" FIGO 2000, Washington, D.C.		
	McLellan et al., "Vessel Sealing For Hemostasis During Gynecologic Surgery" Sales/Product Literature		
A.R.	Sengupta et al., "Use of a Computer-Controlled Bipolar Diathermy System in Radical Prostatectomies and Other Open Urological Surgery" ANZ Journal of Surgery (2001) 71:9 pp. 538-540		
	Olsson et al. "Radical Cystectomy in Females" Current Surgical Techniques in Urology, Vol. 14, Issue 3		
	E. David Crawford "Use of a Novel Vessel Sealing Technology in Management of the Dorsal Veinous Complex" Sales/Product Literature		
Examiner <i>Adron Boone</i>	Date Considered 6/4/08		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.			

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b>			
Jarmett et al., "Use of the LigaSure Vessel Sealing System for Ped-Hilar Vessels in Laparoscopic Nephrectomy"			
Sales/Product Literature			
E. David Crawford "Evaluation of a New Vessel Sealing Device in Urologic Cancer Surgery"			
Sales/Product Literature			
A.R. Joseph Ortenberg "LigaSure System Used in Laparoscopic 1st and 2nd Stage Orchiopexy"			
Innovations That Work, November 2002			
A.R. Koyle et al., "Laparoscopic Palomo Varicocele Ligation in Children and Adolescents"			
Pediatric Endosurgery & Innovative Techniques, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2002			
Qulemba et al. "Use of a Bipolar Electrothermal Vessel Sealer in Laparoscopically-Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy"			
Sales/Product Literature			
Johnson et al. "Evaluation of a Bipolar electrothermal Vessel Sealing Device in Hemorrhoidectomy"			
Sales/Product Literature			
Int'l Search Report PCT/US01/11218			
Int'l Search Report PCT/US99/24869			
Int'l Search Report PCT/US98/18640			
Int'l Search Report PCT/US98/23950			
Examiner 		Date Considered 6/4/08	
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.			



### **without references**

Sheet

1 of

1

<p><b>FAIR FORM 1449</b></p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b></p> <p>(Use several sheets if necessary)</p>	<p><b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> 2938 (203-3646)</p> <p><b>Applicant</b> Chelsea Shields, et al.</p>	<p><b>Application Number</b> 10/718,379</p>
	<p><b>Filing Date</b> November 20, 2003</p>	<p><b>Group Art Number</b> 3739</p>

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

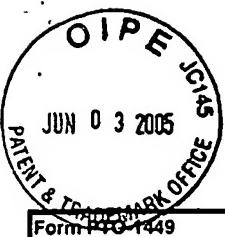
Examiner

Ronan Roane

**Date Considered**

*6/4/88*

**Examiner:** Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.



without references

Sheet

1 of

3

Form PTO-1449

Docket Number (Optional)  
2938(203-3646)Application Number  
10/718,379INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION  
IN AN APPLICATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Applicant

Shields et al.

Filing Date

November 20, 2003

Group Art Number  
3739

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	2,031,682	2/25/36	Wappler et al.			
	4,452,246	6/5/84	Bader et al.			
	4,600,007	7/15/86	Lahodny et al.			
	4,985,030	1/15/91	Melzer et al.			
	5,147,357	9/15/92	Rose et al.			
	5,443,463	8/22/95	Stern et al.			
	5,536,251	7/16/96	Evard et al.			
	5,573,424	11/12/96	Poppe			
	5,582,611	12/10/96	Tsukagoshi et al.			
	5,626,609	5/6/97	Zvenyatsky et al.			
	5,662,667	9/2/97	Knodel			
	5,716,366	02/10/98	Yates			
	5,735,848	04/07/98	Yates et al.			
	5,766,130	06/16/98	Selmonosky			
	5,797,938	08/25/98	Paraschac et al.			
	5,820,630	10/13/98	Lind			
	5,876,401	03/02/99	Schulze et al.			
	5,906,630	05/25/99	Anderhub et al.			
	5,944,718	08/31/99	Dafforn et al.			
	6,010,516	01/04/00	Hulka et al.			
	6,024,741	02/15/00	Willaimson et al.			
	6,041,679	03/28/00	Slater et al.			
	6,096,037	08/01/00	Mulier et al.			
	6,113,596	09/05/00	Hooven et al.			
A.R.	6,183,467	02/06/01	Shapeton et al.			

Examiner

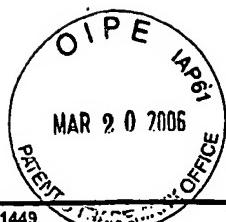
Date Considered

6/4/08

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379			
		Applicant Shields et al.				
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739			
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	6,270,508	08/07/01	Klieman et al.			
	6,280,458	08/28/01	Boche et al.			
	6,283,961	09/04/01	Underwood et al.			
	6,322,561	11/27/01	Eggers et al.			
	6,398,779	06/04/02	Buysse et al.			
	D457,959	5/28/02	Tetzlaff et al.			
	D496,997	10/05/04	Dycus et al.			
A.R.	D499,181	11/30/04	Dycus et al.			
<b>U.S. PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initial	Document Number	Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	US2003/0069571A1	4/10/03	Treat et al.			
	US2003/0139742A1	7/24/03	Wampler et al.			
	US2003/0158549A1	8/21/03	David K. Swanson			
	US2003/199869A1	10/23/03	Johnson et al.			
	US2003/0236325A1	11/25/04	Tetzlaff et al.			
	US2004/0147925A1	7/29/04	Buysse et al.			
	US2004/0225288A1	11/11/04	Buysse et al.			
	US2004/0243125A1	12/2/04	Dycus et al.			
	US2004/0249371A1	12/09/04	Dycus et al.			
	US2004/0249374A1	12/9/04	Tetzlaff et al.			
	US2004/0250419A1	12/16/04	Sremcich et al.			
	US2004/0254573A1	12/16/04	Dycus et al.			
	US2005/0004568A1	1/6/05	Lawes et al.			
	US2005/0004570A1	1/6/05	Chapman et al.			
	US2005/0021025A1	01/27/05	Buysse et al.			
	US2005/0021026A1	01/27/05	Baily			
A.R.	US2005/0021027A1	01/27/05	Shields et al.			
Examiner	<i>Aaron Boone</i>			Date Considered 6/4/08		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.						

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379				
		Applicant Shields et al.					
(Use several sheets if necessary)		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739				
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
<i>A.R.</i>	WO 94/08524 A	4/28/1994	PCT			Yes	No
	WO 96/13218	9/5/1996	PCT				
	WO 99/12488 A	3/18/1999	PCT				
	WO 99/66850 A	12/29/1999	PCT				
	WO 01/17448 A	3/15/2001	PCT				
	WO 02/080795	10/17/2002	PCT				
	WO 02/080798	10/17/2002	PCT				
	WO 02/080799	10/17/2002	PCT				
	WO 2004/052221 A1	6/24/2004	PCT				
	WO 2004/082495 A1	9/30/2004	PCT				
	WO 2004/098383 A1	11/18/2004	PCT				
	EP 0624348A2	11/17/1994	EP				
	EP 1159926A2	12/5/2001	EP				
	DE19751108	5/20/1999	DE				
<i>A.R.</i>	DE 2415263	10/2/1975	DE				
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b>							
	PCT/US01/11340	International Search Report					
	PCT/US01/11420	International Search Report					
	PCT/US02/01890	International Search Report					
	PCT/US02/11100	International Search Report					
	PCT/US04/03436	International Search Report					
	PCT/US04/13273	International Search Report					
	PCT/US04/15311	International Search Report					
	EP 08944778	International Search Report					
	EP 98958675	International Search Report					
	EP 04027479	International Search Report					
	EP 04027705	International Search Report					
	EP 04027314	International Search Report					
Examiner	<i>Aaron Morris</i>				Date Considered	6/4/08	
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.							



#### *without references*

Sheet

1 of

3

<p>Form PTO-1449 <i>13 DECEMBER 2002</i></p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b></p> <p>(Use several sheets if necessary)</p>	<p>Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)</p> <p>Applicant Shields et al.</p>	<p>Application Number 10/718,379</p>
	<p>Filing Date November 20, 2003</p>	<p>Group Art Number 3739</p>

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner

**Date Considered**

**Examiner:** Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.



Form PTO-1459  
12/01/2001

with references

Sheet

2 of

3

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
(Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
						Yes	No
A.R.	JP501068	9/1984	Japan				
	JP502328	3/17/92	Japan				
	JP5-40112	2/19/93	Japan				
	JP2001128990A2	5/15/01	Japan				
	JP2001029356A2	2/6/01	Japan				
	JP2001008944A2	1/16/01	Japan				
	JP2000350732A2	12/19/00	Japan				
	JP2000342599A2	12/12/00	Japan				
	JP11244298A2	9/14/99	Japan				
	JP09010223A2	1/14/97	Japan				
	JP08252263A2	10/1/96	Japan				
	JP08056955A2	3/5/96	Japan				
	JP07265328A2	10/17/95	Japan				
	JP06343644A2	12/20/94	Japan				
	SU 401367	11/28/74	Russia				
	DE 19608716	4/17/97	DE				
	DE 29616210	1/2/97	DE				
	DE 19751108	5/20/99	DE				
	DE 2415263	10/2/75	DE				
	WO 00/24331	5/4/00	PCT				
	WO 02/07627	1/31/02	PCT				
	WO 02/080783	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 02/080784	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 02/080785	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 02/080786	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 02/080793	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 02/080794	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 02/080797	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 02/081170	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 04/032777	4/22/04	PCT				
	WO 04/073490	9/2/04	PCT				
	WO 04/103156	12/2/04	PCT				
	WO 95/07662	3/23/95	PCT				
A.R.	WO 97/10764	3/27/97	PCT				

Examiner

*Aaron Mease* Date Considered *4/16/08*

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or nor citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.



with references

Sheet

3 of 3

Form PTO-1449 Information Disclosure Citation in an Application		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
(Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739
<i>AR</i>	"Innovations in Electrosurgery"		
	Sales/Product Literature; December 31, 2000		
	LigaSure Vessel Sealing System, the Seal of Confidence in General, Gynecologic, Urologic, and Laparoscopic Surgery		
	Sales/Product Literature; January, 2004		
	Olsson et al. "Radical Cystectomy in Females"		
	Current Surgical Techniques in Urology, Vol. 14, Issue 3, 2001		
	Dulemba et al. "Use of a Bipolar Electrothermal Vessel Sealer in Laparoscopically Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy"		
	Sales Product Literature; January, 2004		
	Johnson et al. "Evaluation of a Bipolar electrothermal Vessel Sealing Device in Hemorrhoidectomy"		
	Sales Product Literature; January, 2004		
International Search Report PCT/US01/11224			
dated November 13, 2001			
International Search Report EP 08958575.7			
dated September 20, 2002			
International Search Report EP 04013772			
dated April 1, 2005			
International Search Report EP 05013895			
dated October 14, 2005			
<i>AR</i>	International Search Report EP 05017281		
	dated November 16, 2005		
Examiner <i>Aaron Boone</i>	Date Considered <i>6/4/08</i>		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.			



without references

Sheet

1 of

3

Form PTO-1449 <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
	Applicant Shields et al.	
	Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	4,655,216	Apr. 7, 1987	Tischer			
	5,219,354	Jun. 15, 1993	Choudhury et al.			
	5,601,601	Feb. 11, 1997	Tal et al.			
	5,961,514	Oct. 5, 1999	Long et al.			
	5,984,939	Nov. 16, 1999	Yoon			
	6,387,094	May 14, 2002	Eitenmuller			
	6,652,521	Nov. 25, 2003	Schulze			
A.R.	6,942,662	Sep. 13, 2005	Goble et al.			
Examiner Initial	Publication Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	US2002/0013583 A1	1/31/02	CAMRAN ET AL.			
	US2002/0099372 A1	7/25/02	SCHULZE ET AL.			
	US2002/0107517 A1	8/8/02	WITT ET AL.			
	US2002/0111624 A1	8/15/02	DAVID A . WITT ET AL.			
	US2003/0069571 A1	4/10/03	TREAT ET AL.			
	US2003/0139741 A1	7/24/03	GOBLE ET AL.			
	US2003/0139742 A1	7/24/03	WAMPLER ET AL.			
	US2003/0158549 A1	8/21/03	SWANSON			
	US2003/0199869 A1	10/23/03	JOHNSON ET AL.			
	US2003/0220637 A1	11/27/03	CSABA TRUCKAI ET AL.			
A.R.	US2003/0236325 A1	12/25/03	BONORA			

Examiner <i>Alison Bonora</i>	Date Considered 6/4/08
----------------------------------	---------------------------

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §809; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Publication Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	US2004/0049185 A1	3/11/04	LATTERELL ET AL.			
	US2004/0116979 A1	6/17/04	TRUCKAI ET AL.			
	US2004/0230189 A1	11/18/04	KEPPEL			
	US2005/0004564 A1	1/6/05	WHAM ET AL.			
	US2005/0033278 A1	2/10/05	MCCLURKEN ET AL.			
	US2005/0101951 A1	5/12/05	WHAM ET AL.			
	US2005/0101952 A1	5/12/05	LANDS ET AL.			
	US2005/0107784 A1	5/19/05	MOSES ET AL.			
	US2005/0107785 A1	5/19/05	DYCUS ET AL.			
	US2005/0113818 A1	5/26/05	SARTOR ET AL.			
	US2005/0113819 A1	5/26/05	WHAM ET AL.			
	US2005/0113826 A1	5/26/05	JOHNSON ET AL.			
	US2005/0113827 A1	5/26/05	DUMBAULD ET AL.			
	US2005/0113828 A1	5/26/05	SHIELDS ET AL.			
	US2005/0119655 A1	6/2/05	MOSES ET AL.			
	US2005/0149151 A1	7/7/05	ORSZULAK ET AL.			
A.R.	US2006/0078891 A1	4/13/06	ARTS ET AL.			

Examiner 	Date Considered 6/4/08
--	---------------------------

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

with references		Sheet	3 of	3			
Form PTO-1449  INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379				
		Applicant Shields et al.					
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739				
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
<i>A.R.</i>	EP1486177A2	8/11/04	EP			Yes	No
	EP0975209A1	11/4/98	EP				
	EP0986990A1	3/22/00	EP				
	EP1330991A1	7/30/03	EP				
	EP1532932A1	5/25/05	EP				
	EP0878169A1	11/18/98	EP				
	DE 8712328	3/31/88	DE				
	WO 96/022056	7/25/96	PCT				
	WO 99/040861	8/19/99	PCT				
	WO 99/066850	12/29/99	PCT				
	WO 02/080798	10/17/02	PCT				
	WO 03/101311	12/11/03	PCT				
<i>A.R.</i>	WO 04/082495	9/30/04	PCT				
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b>							
<i>A.R.</i>	Int'l Search Report EP 05013463.4 dated September 28, 2005						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05019130.3 dated October 18, 2005						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05020665.5 dated February 16, 2006						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05020666.3 dated February 17, 2006						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05021779.3 dated January 18, 2006						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05021197.8 dated January 31, 2006						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05021937.7 dated January 13, 2006						
	Int'l Search Report - extended- EP 05021937.7 dated March 6, 2006						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05023017.6 dated February 16, 2006						
	Int'l Search Report EP 05021780.1 dated February 9, 2006						
<i>A.R.</i>	Int'l Search Report EP 06002279.5 dated March 22, 2006						
Examiner	<i>Aaron Board</i>			Date Considered	<i>6/14/08</i>		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.							



without references

Sheet

1 of

3

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant  Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>			
Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name
<i>A.R.</i>	4,041,952	8/16/77	MORRISON, JR. ET AL.
	4,128,099	12/5/78	BAUER
	5,084,057	1/28/92	GREEN ET AL.
	5,196,009	3/23/93	KIRWAN, JR.
	5,217,460	6/8/93	KNOEPFLER
	5,368,600	11/29/94	FAILLA ET AL.
	5,396,900	3/14/95	SLATER ET AL.
	5,542,945	8/6/96	FRITZSCH
	5,611,798	3/18/97	EGGERS
	5,665,100	9/9/97	YOON
	5,772,655	6/30/98	BAUER ET AL.
	5,772,670	6/30/98	BROSA
	5,807,393	9/15/98	WILLIAMSOM, IV ET AL.
	5,860,976	1/19/99	BILLINGS ET AL.
	5,911,719	6/15/99	EGGERS
	5,925,043	7/20/99	KUMAR ET AL.
	5,957,923	9/28/99	HAHNEN ET AL.
	6,059,782	5/9/00	NOVAK ET AL.
	6,123,701	9/26/00	NEZHAT
	6,217,602	4/17/01	REDMON
6,443,952	9/3/02	MULIER ET AL.	
6,464,701	10/15/02	HOOVEN ET AL.	
6,656,177	12/2/03	TRUCKAI ET AL.	
6,669,696	12/30/03	BACHER ET AL.	
<i>A.R.</i>	6,770,072	8/3/04	TRUCKAI ET AL.
Examiner  <i>Alfonso R. Rojas</i>	Date Considered  <i>6/4/08</i>		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.			

### **without references**

Sheet

2 of

3

<p><b>Form PTO-1449</b></p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b></p> <p>(Use several sheets if necessary)</p>	<p><b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> <b>2938(203-3646)</b></p> <p><b>Applicant</b> <b>Shields et al.</b></p>	<p><b>Application Number</b> <b>10/718,379</b></p>
	<p><b>Filing Date</b> <b>November 20, 2003</b></p>	<p><b>Group Art Number</b> <b>3739</b></p>

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner

**Date Considered**

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Docket Number (Optional) 2938(203-3646)	Application Number 10/718,379
		Applicant Shields et al.	
		Filing Date November 20, 2003	Group Art Number 3739

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				without references		
Examiner Initial	Publication Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
A.R.	2003/0216732 A1	11/20/03	TRUCKAI ET AL.			
	2004/0030330 A1	2/12/04	BRASSELL ET AL.			
	2004/0030332 A1	2/12/04	KNOWLTON ET AL.			
	2006/0064085 A1	3/23/06	SCHECHTER ET AL.			
	2006/0129146 A1	6/15/06	DYCUS ET AL.			
	2006/0161150 A1	7/20/06	KEPPEL			
	2006/0167450 A1	7/27/06	JOHNSON ET AL.			
	2006/0167452 A1	7/27/06	MOSES ET AL.			
	2006/0173452 A1	8/3/06	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	2006/0189980 A1	8/24/06	JOHNSON ET AL.			
	2006/0189981 A1	8/24/06	DYCUS ET AL.			
	2006/0190035 A1	8/24/06	HUSHKA ET AL.			
	2006/0217709 A1	9/28/06	COUTURE ET AL.			
A.R.	2006/0224158 A1	10/5/06	ODOM ET AL.			

OTHER DOCUMENTS		with copies
A.R.	Int'l Search Report EP 05016399 dated January 5, 2006	
	Int'l Search Report EP 06005185.1 dated April 18, 2006	
	Int'l Search Report EP 06008779.8 dated June 13, 2006	
	Int'l Search Report EP 1683496 dated June 13, 2006	
Examiner	Date Considered	
<i>Aaron Bone</i>	<i>6/4/08</i>	
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.		